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SUBJ: BEGIN RESPONSES TO SADAT

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- 1. MET WITH SADAT AND VP MUBARAK THIS MORNING IN ISMAILIA AND PUT TO THE PRESIDENT THOSE QUERIES OF BEGIN WHICH DEPT AUTHORIZED BE RAISED WITH SADAT. HIS ANSWERS FOLLOW:
- 2. RE TUHAMI/DAYAN MEETING, SADAT'S INTITIAL THOUGHT WAS TO DEFER THIS UNTIL THE "DEVELOPMENT OF THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE" CAN BE BETTER EVALUATED. I POINTED OUT THAT DAYAN, WHO IS NOW IN GERMANY, WILL BE AVAILABLE ANY DAY FROM DECEMBER 1 ON, AND VP NOTED IT WOULD BE BETTER TO BEGIN THESE TALKS WITHOUT DELAY. IN THIS CONNECTION, VP REMINDED SADAT THAT TUHAMI LEFT FOR MOROCCO TODAY TO BRIEF KING HASSAN ON RECENT DEVELOPMENT. AFTER FURTHER REFLECTION, SADAT SUGGESTED TUHAMI/DAYAN MEETING TAKE PLACE ON DECEMBER 2 IN MOROCCO. (HE SEEMED SURPRISED THAT ROMANIA AS A POSSIBLE SITE FOR THIS MEETING HAD BEEN MENTIONED BY BEGIN, CLAIMING THAT IT HAD BEEN AGREED SECRET

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ALL ALONG THAT TUHAMI/DAYAN WILL MEET IN MOROCCO.)
SADAT DID ASK THAT DAYAN FIRST RETURN FROM GERMANY TO
ISRAEL BEFORE GOING TO MOROCCO. HE WAS CONCERNED THAT
DAYAN PROCEEDING DIRECTLY FROM GERMANY TO MOROCCO WOULD
BE NOTICED. INSTRUCTIONS ARE BEING SENT TO TUHAMI TO
REMAIN IN RABAT UNTIL DAYAN'S ARRIVAL, HOPEFULLY ON
DECEMBER 2, AND ALSO TO INFORM KING HASSAN OF THE

PROPOSED MEETING. HE ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION THAT DATE AND VENUE AGREEABLE TO ISRAELIS.

- 3. HAVING IN MIND FACT THAT WEIZMAN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TRAVEL UNTIL DECEMBER 17, SADAT SUGGESTED THAT THE GAMASY/WEIZMAN MEETING TAKE PLACE ON DECEMBER 20 IN GIANACLIS (FIFTY MILES SOUTHWEST OF ALEXANDRIA). HE PROPOSED THAT WEIZMAN ARRIVE IN CAIRO BY COMMERICAL AIRLINER UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME AND A NON-ISRAELI PASSPORT (PERHAPS, THE VP SUGGESTED, AN AMERICAN PASSPORT). GOE SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OF HIS METHOD OF TRAVEL, ETA, ETC. PRESIDENCY WILL ARRANGE TO MEET HIM AND TRANSPORT HIM DIRECTLY TO GIANACLIS. WHEN I SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE MORE CONVENIENT IF SEIZMAN COULD FLY DIRECTLY TO GIANACLIS, SADAT THOUGHT THIS WAS NOT DESIRABLE ON THE FIRST MEETING. IT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FOR FUTURE MEETINGS. HE HOPED THIS DATE AND VENUE WILL BE AGREEABLE TO BEGIN AND WEIZMAN.
- 4. ANY LETTER FROM WEIZMAN TO GAMASY, SENT THROUGH US, SHOULD BE GIVEN TO VP MUBARAK FOR DELIVERY. I SHOULD NOT DELIVER IT DIRECTLY TO GAMASY.
- 5. RE THE PROPOSED DIRECT TELEPHONE LINK, SADAT RECALLED THAT THIS HAD BEEN MENTIONED TO HIM BY BEGIN. WHILE AT SOME PPOINT SUCH A LINK MIGHT BE ESTABLISHED, HE DID NOT SECRET

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THINK IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO DO SO YET. HIS PREFERRED METHOD OF MAINTAINING A DIRECT EGYPT/ISRAEL DIALOGUE CONTINUES TO BE DISCREETLY ASSIGNING AN ISRAELI DIPLOMAT TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN CAIRO. HE ASKED IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY RESPONSE TO THIS IDEA. I TOLD HIM IT IS STILL UNDER STUDY. EILTS

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